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## SENATOR SMOOT TALKS TO OGDEN REPUBLICAN CLUB

Before a throng which taxed the capacity of the assembly hall at Republican headquarters and evoked its approval in repeated crashes of applause, Senator Reed Smoot, Utah's senior senator and candidate for reelection, last night outlined his stand on the league of nations, told of the policy that must be followed for sound business in the future and warned his audience that the men they choose for office must face huge tasks unprecedented since the administration of George Washington.

Despite the downpour of rain, several hundred men crowded out and heaped the seats in the hall were taken and the crowd overflowed into the hall. While the reception to the senator was announced as exclusively for men and was arranged under the auspices of the Young Men's Republican club, several women were in the audience, and they joined heartily in the applause when the speaker drove home certain points. The women especially voiced their approval of Senator Smoot's stand in regard to the league of nations.

**REITERATES STAND.** Senator Smoot reiterated the stand he had taken recently in regard to the covenant when he wrote a letter to the editor of a small Utah paper and declared: "I will not participate in ratifying the league covenant as it now stands, even though it loses for me every vote in Utah. The applause and cheering which followed his statement lasted nearly a full minute."

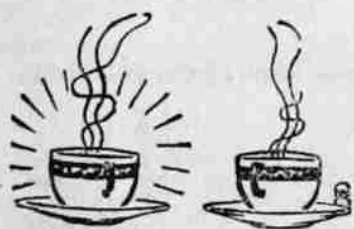
The speaker explained that he, as a member of the appropriation committee during the war, had thrust aside every moral rule and regulation and had voted that billions be appropriated for the prosecution of the war to insure American success. "The war cost America forty billions of dollars," he declared, "and I voted 'yes' for every dollar of this appropriation and supported laws that created power for the United States to sell bonds. If I had been asked I would have voted for billions more if it were to be used for success of the war."

"The only thing I ever said on the floor of the senate during that period was that when the war was over I wanted an accounting of the money expended. That's what I have tried to find out. I haven't been successful but the day has now arrived when the people feel that this accounting should be made and yet it has not been made."

**COST OF WAR.** The speaker drew a vivid picture in the speaker's mind of the tremendous cost of the war and in explaining what forty billions of dollars meant to the United States. He said that since 1787, through a period ending in 1917, 129 years, the government had appropriated but thirty billions of dollars and from this had paid for the war with England, the Civil war and the Spanish-American war and every appropriation made by the government for every purpose. The recent war, of comparatively short duration, had cost the United States forty billions of dollars.

The speaker touched upon many subjects and outlined thoroughly his stand in regard to important issues. Interest grew to white heat when he mentioned the problem of emigration and declared the present laws were inadequate and must soon be amended. "I have voted for every restriction in emigration that has ever come before the senate," he said, "and I will continue to do so in the future."

"How long can the country stand this rapid flow of foreigners?" the speaker asked. "It is true that America is the haven of the oppressed and



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## BABY KIDNAPER KILLED WOMAN

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Slaying Woman in Home  
To Steal \$300

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 12.—Satisfied that the mystery surrounding the kidnapping on June 2 of Blakely Coughlin, the 13-month-old son of George H. Coughlin, of Norristown, Pa., has been cleared up by the confession of August Pasquale, the authorities today began preparation of their case against the crank for presentation to the Montgomery court.

Mr. Coughlin also said he felt the case had been cleared up. "I am very much relieved now that the tension is broken," he declared. "The suspense of living the rest of my life without the sure knowledge of the fate of my boy is now settled. I am glad it is over."

**MUST FIND BODY.** Although Pasquale, according to Major Lynn G. Adams, head of the state police, confessed that he smothered the child while making his escape with it under his coat and threw the body in the Schuylkill river, legal authorities here today said he could not be tried on the charge of murder because of the absence of proof of "corpus delicti," or "body of the crime." A confession, they declared, could not be introduced in evidence until the corpus delicti has been shown.

**SLAYING OF MAN.** In addition to the kidnapping and slaying of the Coughlin boy, Pasquale also will be charged with the murder in Philadelphia on June 1, of Rose Asherman, who conducted a rooming house here. He told Major Adams that he went to the house for the purpose of robbery and had killed Mrs. Asherman with a piece of state. Until his confession was made public the killing remained a mystery.

He also is said to have confessed to the killing of a man in a saloon here about nine months ago.

**SCENE OF CRIME.** PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 12.—By the alleged confession of August Pasquale, "the Crank," the mystery surrounding the kidnapping of 13-month-old Blakely Coughlin, who was stolen from his parents' home at Norristown last June, has been solved, according to authorities working on the case. At the same time Pasquale is alleged to have confessed to the murder of a woman in Philadelphia, which local police believe clears up the mystery surrounding the killing last June of Mrs. Rose Asherman, who conducted a rooming house.

**EVIDENCE OF CHILD.** Pasquale's latest story, as given out by the police, was that, after stealing the child, he accidentally smothered it under his coat and threw the body into the Schuylkill river nearby. This was substantiated today, the police said, by the finding of a piece of steel rail and a string at the spot in the river pointed out by him. Pasquale said he used a piece of rail to tap the body before casting it into the water. Today the prisoner, who has been locked up in the Montgomery county jail since his capture on August 12, is being guarded by the state police, and a diver to the place where he claimed to have thrown the body. The diver brought to the surface the rail with the string attached, as described by Pasquale.

**HID IN CLOSET.** In Pasquale's alleged confession to the murder of a woman in this city, believed to have been Mrs. Rose Asherman, the mystery of whose death two nights before the Coughlin kidnapping has never been solved, he is quoted as saying he killed the woman. For two weeks, he said, he had a room at the house and rent. He went back for the purpose of smothering the woman and, not retired, he hid himself in a closet and waited for her to go to bed. On opening the closet door, the woman was awakened and he killed her. He said he had taken "around \$300."

Mrs. Asherman, who conducted a rooming house at the address given by Pasquale, was found dead in her room on June 1. She was about 40 years of age and had been married to a man who had been taken "around \$300."

Captain Gerhardt also said that Pasquale had taken him to the spot where the prisoner told him he had smothered the woman. He said he had tried to burn the baby's clothing. It was about fifty yards up the river bank from where the diver found the rail and string. Evidence of the still were plainly visible, Gerhardt said.

**LEASING BILL.** In conclusion Senator Smoot recounted the history of the fight for an oil and mineral land leasing bill similar to the measure which now hangs before the senate.

"Within a year this bill will bring into the state of Utah approximately \$1,000,000 in undisputed royalties," he declared. "It is the greatest area of public land Utah may expect—and I am confident and emphatic when I say this—Utah may expect that future royalties will take care, not only of her school and educational expenses, but will also relieve her taxpayers of much of the burden they now bear in the building and upkeep of a state highway system. With the development of the oil shale industry in this state, I believe that within a few years the royalties from royalties under the oil land leasing measure will reach a mark far in excess of \$1,000,000."

The speaker warned employers that labor will never again be placed upon the low basis it has in the past and there has got to be a more equitable distribution of profits between capital and labor. He addressed the employers present and declared that the workingman was not stand for the things he has in the past. These workingmen, he said, will not see their children suffer privation and starvation. It would not be surprising, he said, that if these present conditions were brought about that a revolution might come in America.

Outlining taxation, legislation that must be amended, and any problem which must be squarely met in the near future, the speaker impressed upon his hearers the tremendous task which will be thrust upon those who guide governmental affairs during the next four years.

**REVENUE REFORM.** "The need of revenue reform never was greater in the history of any nation. There is no use burying our heads in the sand like an ostrich in an effort to avoid the problem. The country must be made to realize that taxes are high and will remain high for many years that they never again will be as low as in the past; and that, therefore, it is highly desirable that the laws be, as such as possible, adjusted to meet the inevitable burden with the least friction and discomfort to the tax-paying public."

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Grasping the immensity of the project, speakers speculated regarding the sensation of Christopher Columbus were he a witness, and remarked that the peoples of the empire and Jersey Blue states might congratulate themselves on living in an age "which does not surround any undertaking, however stupendous, with doubt and suspicion."

Military bands and national guard regiments from both sides of the river paraded to the spot near the Hudson where the earth was scratched in preparation for a major incision.

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